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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production of foodgrains in Bihar during the last three years, crop-wise;

(b) the total demand of foodgrains in Bihar;

(c) the current trend of the production of foodgrains; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of foodgrains in Bihar?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Following table presents the crop-wise production of foodgrains in Bihar during 2003-04 to 2005-06 and during 2006-07:

(Lakh Tonnes)

Crop	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07#
Rice	54.48	24.72	34.96	49.96
Wheat	36.89	32.63	32.39	35.84
Coarse Cereals	15.13	15.02	14.06	14.59
Pulses	5.63	4.67	4.47	4.61
Foodgrains	112.13	77.04	85.87	105.00

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On the basis of the monthly per capita quantities of consumption reported in the National Sample Survey 61st Round Report on `Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India, 2004-05` and the population projections given by the Office of the Registrar General of India, the total foodgrains required in Bihar during 2007-08 is estimated at 17.61 million tones which includes seed, feed and wastage.

(d): The Integrated Cereals Development Programmes (ICDP) in rice, wheat and coarse cereals based cropping systems have been under implementation since October, 2000 to promote their production in the country, including Bihar. An Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) is also under implementation with effect from April 2004, inter-alia, to promote production of pulses. However, in order to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses further, recently a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission` (NFSM) has also been launched from 2007-08 in the country, including Bihar. It aims at increasing the production of rice by 10 million tones, wheat by 8 million tones and pulses by 2 million tones by the end of the Eleventh Plan, i.e. by 2011-12 through area increase and productivity enhancement in targeted districts of the country.